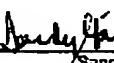


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, for which a response is due on October 22, 2005, and which sets forth an election of species requirement for pending claims 1-22. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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